

Howard County's Local Children's Board
Meeting Minutes
11/19/19

Attendees

√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Charmayne Anderson, Community		Sharon Afework, MSDE
√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce Development	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS		Lisa Myers, HCPD
	Fayth Bowie, Youth Member		Father Fazolini, Community		Edisa Padder, Community
	Elizabeth Copeland, DSS	√	Susan Ostradovec, FIRN	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Rich Gibson, States Attorney	√	Maura Rossman, Health Department
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Tonya Aikens, Library		
	Bitu Dayhoff, CAC	√	Tim Madden, DJS		
√	Raul Delorme, DRP		Michael Martirano, HCPSS		

Staff: Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Benjamin Barnwell, Marchelle LeBlanc, Valerie Harvey
Public Attendees: Erin Bonzon, OCF; Lisa Davis, HCPSS; Brianna Hughes, Co-Tu Doan, youth; Russell Bunn, Charles Winchester, Choice Program; Matthew Smiley, intern; Andrew Masters, Enterprise Community Partners; Lisa Bowie, Community; Barbie Johnson, OMLLT; Toni Bailum, OMLLT; LanLan Xu, Community; Dave Francis, HCPD

Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Roll Call

Chief Myers, Fayth, Bitu, Sharon, Dr. Padder, Dr. Martirano – Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of September 2019 Minutes – Motion made by Erica seconded by Rich; all approved

Committee Reports and Program Updates

Executive Committee

- The committee worked to refine LCB's vision and mission Statement to the following:
 - **Vision:** All children, youth and families in Howard County have equitable opportunities to pursue their dreams with supportive communities.
 - **Mission:** To collaborate with partners and the community to implement solutions and align resources for measurable impact.
- The committee also discussed the offices' revamping of the procurement process to ensure equitable processes.

Mental Health and Local Care Team

- At the September meeting, the MHCAC received a presentation from the Office of the Local Children's Board on the Youth Mental Health Landscape Analysis and were guided through an activity in providing feedback on the priorities and developing goals to address the action steps listed in the Analysis by Hoover Behavioral Health Inc.
- The MHCAC also received updates from the HCPSS School Based Mental Health team. Some highlights include:
 - 30 schools being served

- 24 clinicians and 5 school of social work interns currently on board
- Over 200 students served from January 2019- June 2019
- The Local Care Team has served 6 families since beginning Fiscal Year 2020 in July.
- Local Care Team Flex Funding under HoCo Strives has assisted 6 families since July 2019 in providing funding for camp, transportation, and testing. There is still funding for Local Care Team eligible families.

BYR/PRP

- 13 Psychosocial Assessments were conducted by Center for Children; challenges noted were around parent/caretaker ability to work with youth on their own.
- 24 Youth Sessions completed by Therapeutic Connections.
- TC reported a 98% satisfaction rate among clients and 80% of families are maintaining stability.

Food Access and Strategy Recommendations

- The committee discussed the expansion of snack packs during winter and spring break.
- Strategies for expansion also include the following:
 - Increase participation in Roving Radish
 - Fund summer SNAP for children
 - Support HCPSS in expansion/feasibility of alternative breakfast models
 - Expand participation in WIC and map food pantries

Equity Committee

- The committee has agreed to dismantle now that the report has been completed.
- FY20 marks the launching of a learning cohort made up of a subsection of board member organizations

Getting Ahead

- Community groups are going well; locations include DSS, library, and detention center.
- 30 graduates of program since July 1st and one graduate hired as program manager for HoCo 2020 Census Project.

Choice Jobs

- Reported challenges meeting with youth, however 20 youth have been served.
- The program has been doing well with job readiness, internships, and summer youth employment.

Healthy Families

- Challenges continue to be outreach and marketing.
- The program is 100% on target with immunizations; completed 53 referrals and 195 home visits.
- Healthy Beginnings is focusing on reviewing the outcomes of the infant mortality rate.

NOFA/Procurement Process Review and Invitation

The procurement and NOFA process were reviewed; board members were asked to volunteer for the NOFA committee. The committee needs five to seven members and will begin meeting in December.

Board Member Updates/Announcements

Jackie - DCRS is in the beginning stages of a realignment of the Grants process; In 2021 DCRS is also launching a new CSP process that is more equitable and align funding and data for measures and priorities. They will conduct focus groups and use other outreach methods.

Rich - The states attorney's office has launched a new website www.howardcountysao.org to improve court/case accessibility for the community.

Dave Frances - The HCPD is in the process of restructuring the department and the roles within. Captain Tom Eckhart is now the operations division manager. A new drone field test program is scheduled to launch in 2020. This program includes 3 drones and 6 trained officers.

Maura – The Health Department has completed its transformation; staff have been reassigned to strengthen how business is conducted and improve culture/values.

Kelly – Housing will begin developing its affordable housing master plan in January.

Kim – LMB's have been asked to conduct regional listening sessions in partnership with DJS. Sessions will begin in December.

Adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Motion made by Rich, Seconded by Raul